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1. VERIFICATION: IN RESPONSE TO A REFERENCE ON MAY'S PART TO ICBM DEPLOYMENT COMPLEXES, SHCHUKIN (A-805) ASKED, IN A SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL MANNER, WHETHER IT WOULD MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF MIRVED ICBMS WERE DEPLOYED IN CERTAIN "FIELDS" AND UNMIRVED ICBMS IN OTHER "FIELDS." MAY SAID THAT THE US WOULD VIEW ANY SUCH SUGGESTION FROM THE SOVIET SIDE WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST.

2. MAY AND SHCHUKIN THEN TURNED TO A DISCUSSION OF PARAGRAPHS 3 OF U.S. ARTICLE X (SOVIET ARTICLE XV), AND SPECIFICALLY OF THE PHRASE "TO EMPLOY PRACTICES". MAY SAID THAT THE EXTENSION OF THE OBLIGATION ON PRACTICES THAT WOULD IMPEDE NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IF, AS SHCHUKIN HAD SUGGESTED, OBSERVATION OF THE "DAILY LIFE" AT THE SILOS WOULD ENABLE THE U.S. TO LEARN ABOUT SOVIET MIRV DEPLOYMENT. THIS LED SHCHUKIN TO STATE THAT HE COULD GIVE MAY SOME GOOD ADVICE AS TO WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN THE VICINITY OF THE SILOS,

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BUT HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO. IT ALSO LED TO GENERAL DISCUSSION

OF WHAT MIGHT AND MIGHT NOT CONSTITUTE DECEPTIVE PRACTICES. AS ONE EXAMPLE, SHCHUKIN SAID THAT ONE SIDE CARRYING OUT CERTAIN OPERATIONS AT NIGHT ONLY MIGHT BE VIEWED WITH SUSPICION BY THE OTHER SIDE, WHEREAS CARRYING OUT OPERATIONS BOTH DAY AND NIGHT SHOULD NOT BE.

3. IN THE COURSE OF THAT DISCUSSION, MAY NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF EXTENDING NON-INTERFERENCE OBLIGATIONS OF TESTING PRACTICES. SHCHUKIN SAID THAT, IN HIS OWN MIND, HE ASSUMED THAT TESTING PRACTICES WOULD BE COVERED BY THE OBLIGATION NOT TO CONCEAL. HE USED THE FRENCH WORD "MASQUER" FOR "CONCEAL" AND, IN AN ASIDE TO ASATIANI, USED THE RUSSIAN WORD "MASKIROVKA". IN HIS USE OF THIS WORD, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE THOUGHT OF IT AS COVERING ANY DECEPTIVE PRACTICES AND NOT JUST CONCEALMENT STRICTLY SPEAKING. (HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE CONSIDERED THE CAMOUFLAGE NETTING WHICH MR. STOERTZ HAD MENTIONED AT YESTERDAY'S VERIFICATION WORKING GROUP MEETING TO CONSTITUTE CONCEALMENT.) MAY SAID THAT, FIRST, IT WAS QUITE IMPORTANT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER, IN THE SOVIET SIDE'S VIEW, THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARAGRAPH WERE INDEED TO BE EXTENDED TO TESTING PRACTICES. SECOND, MAY SUGGESTED THAT BOTH SIDES DELVE INTO THE CONCRETE MEANING OF THE EXPRESSIONS "DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT" AND "TO EMPLOY PRACTICES" IN THE TWO PARAGRAPHS 3, AS THERE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE MORE AGREEMENT ON MEANING THAN ON WORDS.

4. SHCHUKIN REITERATED THE CONCERN WHICH HE HAD SHOWN AT YESTERDAY'S VERIFICATION WORKING GROUP MEETING REGARDING THE PURPOSE OF INCLUDING THE WORD "TESTING" IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH X.3 OF THE U.S. DRAFT. MAY REPEATED THAT THE WORD WAS INCLUDED AS PART OF A POTENTIAL EXCEPTION MADE TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE PARAGRAPH, AND THAT, IF THE SOVIET SIDE WISHED TO REMOVE IT FROM THAT SECOND SENTENCE, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HEAR IT, PROVIDED THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE FIRST SENTENCE COVERED TESTING PRACTICES.

5. HEAVY BOMBERS. TARPGAARD (A-806) REPEATED THE NAMES OF THE SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT TYPES SALTYSKOV HAD IDENTIFIED FOR INCLUSION IN THE AGGREGATE, STATED THAT THE U.S. SIDE ALSO INCLUDES THE SECRET

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BACKFIRE AS A HEAVY BOMBER, AND ASKED WHETHER THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD NAME IN THE AGREEMENT THE OTHER AIRCRAFT WHICH HAS CHARACTERISTICS SIMILAR TO THE B-1. SALTYSKOV SAID THAT SUCH AN AIRCRAFT WITH CHARACTERISTICS SIMILAR TO THE B-1 DOES NOT YET EXIST BUT IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THIS AIRCRAFT WOULD BE LISTED IN THE AGREEMENT AS A HEAVY BOMBER. HE SAID THAT THIS AIRCRAFT IS NOT THE BACKFIRE. TARPGAARD THEN STATED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SOVIET POSITION WAS THAT TWO

AIRCRAFT WOULD BE LISTED AS HEAVY BOMBERS FOR THE U.S. SIDE
AND THREE FOR THE SOVIET SIDE, THE THIRD BEING THE NEW AIRCRAFT
BEING DEVELOPED. SALTYKOV REPLIED THAT THIS INTERPRETATION
WAS CORRECT. JOHNSON

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